

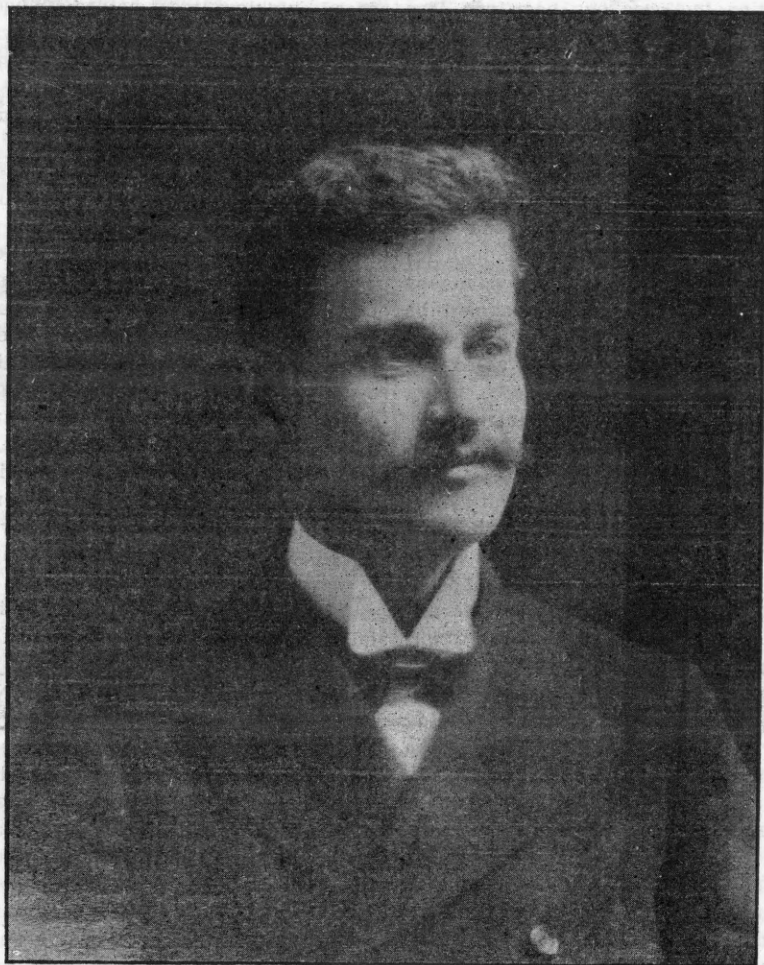
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LOUIS A. DIVINE

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The subject of this brief sketch was born of deaf parents in Jacksonville, Ill. His father was instructor in shoemaking at the Illinois and Kansas schools for the deaf.

After reaching the age of eighteen Mr. Divine's hearing began to fail him, but the power of articulate speech he has ever retained. At present he can hear enough in one ear to understand spoken words when using an ear trumpet or when the speaker's mouth is very near his ear. He attended the Nebraska School for the Deaf one and one-half years to prepare for Gallaudet College, from which college he graduated with the class of 1894. From college he went to the Fanwood School where he remained for one year as boys' supervisor.

As a teacher he is skillful and resourceful, and has for the past seventeen years taught in the Montana, Nebraska, Tennessee and Washington schools.

In all things pertaining to the deaf

The present Home Fund project—their moral, mental, social and industrial welfare—no one is more interested than Mr. Divine. Of a ready mind and with power to express himself clearly, he is always gladly welcomed by the deaf everywhere. He was twice elected president of the Nebraska Association for the Advancement of the Deaf, and once served in like capacity for the Nebraska Alumni Association, besides being a member of the N. A. D. Executive Committee at one time and secretary of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association at another.

When our State association was formed two years ago, Mr. Divine was elected first vice-president; but now ranks as president by virtue of the resignation of Mr. P. L. Axling.

Mr. Divine is married and has three children—two boys and a girl. When not at work in the school room he finds much relaxation in his prune orchard which has yielded him fairly good crops the past few years.

originated with Mr. Divine. He was engaged in a similar venture back in Nebraska, and is now at the head of the committee collecting funds in this state. When the convention meets next July, the committee expects to have a goodly sum to show for its endeavors of the past two years.

There is little doubt but that Mr. Divine will be chosen to succeed himself as president at the coming state convention.

THE PICNIC PROGRAM.

The committee in charge of the picnic day of the convention, July 4, consisting of Messrs. Meagher, Garrison and Turrill, has prepared a program of sports which is alone well worth coming far to see. We apprehend it below:

A. m.—Baseball game, state championship; Vancouver School nine vs. All Stars.

2 p. m.—Track and field meet at Woodland Park oval.

Ladies' events—50-yard dash; potato race; matrimonial sweepstakes; ball throwing contest.

Children's races—Girls' under 16; boys under 16; children under 10, 30 yards each race.

Humorous races — Wheelbarrow, man-sack; 3-legged; backwards; hobble skirt; blindfold (lady pilots); rooster fight.

State championship events—100-yard dash; one-mile run (handicap); running broad jump; grand one-mile intercity relay race, four men to a team, each to run one quarter mile.

The sum of \$5.00 has been set aside by the local committee towards the purchase of prizes. Individuals desiring to donate prizes for any stated event are at liberty to do so, however.

Winning ball and relay teams are awarded banners suitably inscribed. Events will be run off in rapid rotation and any contestant attempting to delay the games will meet with instant disqualification.

Officials are: Referee, Prof. Hunter; judges of finish, O. Hanson, L. A. Divine, W. S. Root; clerk of the course, J. F. Meagher.

POETIC LICENSE.

(Referring to "Love at First Sight," by Mr. Meagher.)

They say the poet hath license

To twist the truth to his own need,
And that we should but burn incense,
Nor dare to criticize or heed
Aught but the poetic sense.

And so, it may be, "Joseph," perchance,
Doth more sweetly chime in the poet's ear;

Tho "Jacob" it was who paid penance
For Laban's Rachel full many a year.
What matters it! Let Joseph have
precedence. Tacoman.

WHY THE DEAF SHOULD JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

In order to do any effective work the National Association of the Deaf must have money. To get money we need more members.

At present we have about \$300 in the treasury; but the report of the Colorado Springs Convention is not printed and that will require \$550. With so little money in the treasury we have not felt justified in drawing on it except for necessary expenses of stationery and postage. We have over \$4,000 in the moving picture fund, but that must be used, as it was pledged, for the purchase of moving picture films, and therefore it is not available for general purposes. The \$200 in the Endowment Fund is tied up in the same way, and of no use for present purposes.

The oralists have a fund of \$100,000 to back them. They have secured the passage of a law in Nebraska which is designed to exclude the sign language from the school for the deaf. They will try to do the same in other states unless checked.

We deaf have little money, but we are many in numbers, and united in purpose. There are 60,000 deaf in the country. If one-sixth of them would join the N. A. D. and pay the small fee of \$1 for initiation and 50 cents annual dues we would have a fighting fund larger than that of the oralists and could meet them on their own terms. We should have at least 2,000 members at once, then we would be in position to do effective work.

We have been holding conventions for thirty years. At each convention a number have joined. Before the next convention most of them have dropped out. Last summer before the Colorado convention the number of members of the Association was only 75. Conventions will never build up the Association unless those who join remain members from year to year. An amendment was offered at the Colorado convention to make membership permanent, but it was crowded out by the programme and not even considered. This, however, need not prevent the deaf from joining the Association.

It is up to the deaf to say whether by joining the Association now they will make it an efficient organization

to fight their battles; or whether by their "masterly inactivity" they will continue the condition of impotent helplessness in which the Association has been for years past. Give us the money and we will do the work. We can not make brick without straw.

It has been suggested that money be raised by subscription. The subscription business has been run into the ground. It should not be necessary to solicit by subscription like a church fair. Let the deaf stand up like men and pay for what they want.

The officers receive no salaries or compensation of any kind. The work of the president and the treasurer in particular is very heavy; and they should at least be allowed enough for clerical assistance. We need money for legal counsel; and we should be in position to pay for personal work where it is needed, as it was in Nebraska last spring. But above all we should be in position to print suitable literature and distribute it where it will tell.

Oklahoma is a case in point. Last winter I received word that an effort was being made to place the school for deaf under the Department of Charities and Correction. My information was to the effect that there was no opposition to the bill; that it was practically certain to pass; and that those most concerned were feeling blue. On receipt of this information I wrote many letters, printed circulars and sent them to parties whose names were furnished to me. The result was that the bill was defeated; and I feel that the credit should go to the N. A. D., for it was in my capacity as president and with the money of the Association that this work was accomplished.

There was no "hue and cry"; no great noise was made; but the work was done.

It is not the noise and smoke that win battles. It is the well-aimed bullets.

I believe that if the same course had been followed in Nebraska the oral bill would not have passed. The reason it was not done was that the local deaf were over-confident. As soon as I learned of the bill I asked

for names of legislators and interested persons. Instead of receiving these names my Omaha correspondent, the president of the Nebraska Alumni Association (not State Association as has been erroneously stated) informed me that the bill was practically dead. Efforts to defeat it then ceased. It was, however, brought up later and passed quickly, almost before anybody was aware of it; and of course it was too late for the N. A. D. to do anything.

It has been suggested that a convention be held in Omaha in 1912 to counteract the effect of the law. In my opinion such a convention would do no good. It is a fact that few of the graduates of combined schools especially of the older generations are good lip readers. The oralists would doubtless attend the convention, observe that few of us were good lip readers, and they would not be slow to announce through the press and to legislators that most of us had to use pad and pencil in conversing with them, and that if any proof was required that better oral instruction was needed, the convention itself furnished the best possible proof!

A convention would furnish noise and smoke; but would not win the battle.

The way to carry the fight, in Nebraska is to collect the best arguments and comments that have been published on the Nebraska episode; print them in the form of a leaflet; get the names and addresses of parents, legislators, and others directly interested; and send them these comments; and it dollars to doughnuts that they will see that a mistake has been made, and that it will be corrected.

To do this work the N. A. D. needs money. To get more money we need more members. Come, join the Association Now!

OLOF HANSON.

Seattle, June 12, 1911.

Don't forget your subscription dues.

Paste in your hat (or bonnet) that you will be in Seattle July 1 to 5.

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MR. ROOT RETIRES

After serving two years as editor of The Observer Mr. W. S. Root severed his connection with the paper, in that capacity, with the last issue. This permits him to give more time to his personal affairs. He will still favor us with occasional articles.

Pending a definite settlement of the matter, Mrs. J. Frederick Meagher, (formerly Mrs. Frieda Bauman Carpenter of Chicago) is holding down the editorial desk.

A GOOD IDEA

We understand at the coming convention President Divine will have prominently displayed on the platform a motto "Boil It Down."

This is intended to cut off the long winded who are wound up for an hour or two. It's a good idea and will meet with favor all around. Whoopie, L. A.

WINS \$400 PRIZE

The Pittsburg local branch, P. S. A. D. (Pittsburg Society for the Advancement of the Deaf) just won a prize of \$400 in a popularity competition conducted by the Gazette-Times. The \$400 will probably go to the endowment fund of the Doylestown Home.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

The Georgian hotel on Fourth avenue between Union and Pike streets has been selected as headquarters during the convention. Rates \$1 per day, two in room for \$1.50. Per week \$5, two in room for \$6.

One of the best places to eat is at Pearsall's Cafeteria on Madison street between Second and Third avenues. Other good places are Thompson's on Second avenue, Mitchell's on Third avenue, Union Bakery on Pike street near Second Ave., Wheeler's on Union street between Second and Third. Rates 15c up.

Take a box lunch with you picnic day.

BAXTER W. MOSEY

One of the best remembered features of the Colorado Congress was a wrestling match between our Jimmy Meagher and Baxter W. Mosey of Evanston, Wyoming, a student of Gallaudet College. Jimmy lost, two falls to one—the first and only fall Mosey ever lost in a competitive match. And Saturday, June 3rd, Jimmy married a Gallaudet graduate.

The same day, by one of those unaccountable caprices of fate, Baxter W. Mosey was drowned while taking his last swim in the Potomac prior to graduation.

Of all his Kappa Gamma brothers, Tom L. Anderson was the only one who dived to assist him, and nearly lost his own life in frantic efforts before recovering the body.

Mosey, who was only 22, was to have received his degree of B. S. last week. He played right half-back on the football team and held the 135-pound wrestling championship of the South Atlantic Division of the A. A. U. He had made a good record in his college years, especially in the scientific and chemical studies.

PROGRAM FOR CONVENTION

GATHERING JULY 1-5.

Saturday, 8 p. m.—Reception at Trinity church.

Sunday, 3 p. m.—Religious services conducted by Prof. Clark and Olof Hanson. 8 p. m.—Meeting in charge of Prof. Divine and Mrs. Hanson, consisting of addresses, songs, etc.

Monday, 9 a. m.—Convention opens at Y. M. C. A. hall; 12 m.—Adjournment for lunch; 1 p. m.—Trolley ride of two hours about city; 3 p. m.—Convention business resumed; 8 p. m.—Dance at Labor Temple.

Tuesday—All day picnic at Woodland park. A fine program of sports has been arranged.

Wednesday, 9 a. m.—Boat ride to Tacoma; 3 p. m.—Leave Tacoma on return.

The above is all free to members of the State Association, except the boat trip to Tacoma for which half fare (25c for round trip) will be charged. Be sure you wear a badge.

The program for the business meeting is not complete. Prof. Clark of Vancouver will be present. Mrs. Hanson will deliver the address of welcome and it is expected Mayor Dilling will be present for a few remarks.

TO THE LADIES.

Ladies who plan to come unattended to the State Convention to be held in Seattle, July 1-5, should write as soon as possible to the chairman of the ladies' committee. The Y. W. C. A. will receive a limited number of ladies at 25c, 35c and 50c a night, according to accommodations. Luncheon is also served at the Y. W. C. A. from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. in cafeteria style, at a very moderate cost. Ladies who come to the convention alone and send notice in advance will be met at trains on Saturday, July 1, and safely conducted to the Y. W. C. A. As the Y.

W. C. A. building is very small only a limited number can be accommodated, and for these rooms must be engaged in advance. Therefore it is important that any lady planning to come to the convention alone, and not already having a stopping place, should write to the Chairman of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Olof Hanson, 4739 14th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Miss Mary Peek returned from her trip abroad on the 31st of May, looking hale and hearty. She contemplates going to the White Mountains in July to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunner are rejoicing over a baby boy who arrived on time to decorate their home on Decoration Day. Mother and babe are doing well.

Mr. Benj. Nealy was fatally struck by a street car on the 25th of May while returning to work from his noon-day luncheon. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hunt, a hearing Congregational minister, and the assistant pastor, Rev. Rutherford, officiating.

May 27th being the china wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Friday, their friends tendered them a surprise. They were the recipients of a set of dishes from the former's brother, Mr. C. Friday, and some presents from friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter's oldest son Horace was married June 1st. They left on a honeymoon trip.

Mrs. F. E. Philpott and children left June 7th for her old home in West Virginia to be with her aged mother, who is failing in health.

Mrs. Otto Pauling and children of Monee, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Martin a few days last week.

Rev. P. J. Hasenstab and family are now domiciled at 3422 Calumet Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sonneborn have disposed of their automobile for a larger and heavier one. Their present one is a forty-horsepower.

Miss Stebleton of South Chicago was wedded to a Mr. Tell, a hearing man, by Rev. G. Flick, on Decoration Day.

There will be another June bride on the 24th.

The latest victim of Death's grip was Mrs. Gilpin, who was buried on the 9th, Rev. P. J. Hasenstab officiating.

The Epworth League held its annual picnic at Lincoln Park on Saturday, the 10th.

Miss Eva Dorchester, who has been taking art lessons at the Art Institute for some time and having become efficient in that line, graduated Friday evening, June 17th. Her parents arrived from Texas for that occasion.

Mrs. Sonneborn and Mrs. Left left from Paw Paw Lake for the summer. Mr. Sonneborn will make week end visits there.

LOCAL ITEMS

Remember the convention July 1-5.

Albert Hole still rides his motorcycle. He frequently gets hurt but has not yet been killed.

A. W. Wright reports the slaughter of two rattlesnakes. Gee whiz, we're glad we are in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Meagher contemplates spending the summer on the beach near Alki Point.

W. S. Root was held up the other night—by a wash out not on a clothes line, but a street car line. He lost a few minutes time.

When Olof Hanson wants to shake off N. A. D. cares he takes a trip with the mountaineers and enjoys a clam bake on the beach.

Ernest Swangren has gone into partnership business in publishing a ladies magazine. The ladies should all subscribe and let Ernest tell them how.

Emrel Runge has found out that there is no place like Seattle, so he is coming back from Los Angeles, Cal., to resume his old job at basket factory.

Mrs. Hutson, a rich widow of Tacoma sojourned in our midst a spell while on a tour of the state. She thinks Seattle the best place she has ever seen—barring Stellacoom.

For the second time a Spokane jury disagreed and Mr. Klawitter will have to wait until fall for the next trial. He is suing a Dr. Rohrer for \$20,000 for the loss of his right arm.

Mabel Scanlan and Elsie Peterson, a couple charming and athletic six-footers, are already drawing lots to see which will captain the girls basket ball team at Gallaudet college next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Turrill who were in Bremerton Sunday, June 18th, the guests of the McConnells, returned with the announcement that a great many improvements can be seen in that suburb.

Mrs. Olof Hanson and children leave next month for several weeks at Chautauqua on Vashon Island. They have secured a cottage. It's not so far away but that Olof can go over to spend Sunday.

L. A. Divine was quite surprised to find a crowd of friends waiting for him at the Union depot. June 14th, to see him come in with the pupils. He left the next day for his ranch, to remain until the convention.

Rudy Stuht, a driller in the navy yard, should be given a Carnegie medal for having sufficient presence of mind to save the life of his co-worker as well as his own. While drilling on a ship in the dock, another boat came along causing a great wave that threw both drillers into the water. Mr. Stuht, espying a rope hanging from the ship, swam toward it and hurled another rope to his co-worker, who, being unable to swim, was at the point of being drowned.

MRS. HANSON ENTERTAINS THE BRIDES.

The most enjoyable social affair given in a long time was a party tendered by Mrs. O. Hanson in honor of Mesdames Swangren and Meagher, at her home in the University district, Saturday evening, June the 17th. All the members of the P. S. A. D. were invited, of which some 36 took advantage. The evening was spent in playing various games, and at about 11 the charming hostess, assisted by Miss Mabel Scanlan, who came down from Everett especially for the occa-

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sion, served ice cream and cake.

The house was beautifully decorated with roses, which some of the guests had presented to Mrs. Hanson, same being grown in their own yards. The eastern bride seemed delighted with Seattle roses, which resemble the hot-house ones of the east.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Gustin, Turrell, Rhiley, Waugh, Klawitter, Hanson, Swangren and Meagher; Madames Eaton, Morrissey, West and Hutson of Tacoma; Misses Elsie and Hilda Peterson, Carr, Hammond, Morris, Gustin and Scanlan; Messrs. Root, Christensen, West, Hole, Harris and Partridge.

P. S. A. D. MEETING

The Association met on the evening of June 10 at Friendship Hall, and was called to order at half past eight.

Mr. Meagher announced the names of Mr. Hole and Mrs. Hanson as his colleagues on the committee for the June social, and promised that the program would be a good one.

Mr. Rhiley was admitted to membership by an unanimous vote, and duly initiated.

The names of the two brides, Mrs. Swangren and Mrs. Meagher, were proposed for membership.

As Mr. Holcomb now works in Bremerton and cannot attend meetings often, he resigned from the membership committee and Mr. Turrill was appointed in his place.

Mr. Swangren gave a brief talk on Reciprocity with Canada, and Mr. Hanson spoke on N. A. D. matters.

It was decided to keep up the meetings of the Association all summer, and not discontinue for a month or two as in former years.

Mrs. Hanson invited the Association to a reception at her house Saturday evening, June 17th, so that the members could help her welcome to Seattle the two brides, Mrs. Swangren and Mrs. Meagher.

Paste in your hat (or bonnet) that you will be in Seattle July 1 to 5.

THE VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT.

In a blaze of glory the local committee winds up its labors for the state convention by giving an all-star vaudeville entertainment at the P. S. A. D. hall, First and Yesler, on the 24th—just a week before the big fire-crackers convene.

Mr. Meagher, Mrs. Hanson and Mr. Hole have prepared an excellent program; admission is 25 cents. Anyone coming in after the performance begins at 8:15 sharp will be fined an additional 5 cents. Decayed cabbages, pedigreed eggs and non-union bricks strictly frowned upon. Flowers admitted free of duty, however, as are rats—when worn out of sight and not intended as missiles. Spooning during the intermissions permitted, not otherwise. Below is the menu:

1. "Coming Thru the Rye".....
.....MI'le Eloise Peterson
2. "A Domestic Discord" (skit)....
.....The O'Rhileys
3. "The Courtship" (natural signs)
..... Rabbi Swangrenburg
4. "Ten Nights in a Monkey House"
.....The Boys' Club
5. "Good By" (dialogue)
..... Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Ernestine
6. Sleight of hand, by
..... Herr Prof. M. E. Smithamburger
7. "A Hat" (monologue)
..... Fraulien Frieda
8. The Lieces-Fould Wedding—
Vivian FouldEloise Peterson
George J., her father..Jarl O'Hanson
Cardinal Ribbons.Herr M. O. Schmidt
Turrill, a tradesman
.....Monsieur Davidson
Baliff Beedle, of Rotterdam
..... Billie Rot
Lord Lieces.....Mike O'Meagher

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

After an absence of five hours from the Eighth street school recently, Stella Leavitt, the 13-year-old deaf mute daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Leavitt, of Graham Station, staggered to the doorway of her home and in sign language attempted to portray what appears to have been a tragic experience. It seems she was entered into an automobile and taken away, but no very clear idea of this trouble could be obtained. The police are investigating the case.

Jacob Beck left casually for San Francisco last May 4th, for a short time stay, and will thence go to Salt Lake City.

Miss Josie Wham's parents and sisters of Pasadena moved to Garden Grove a few weeks ago to live on a small ranch which was recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parker went back to Winchester, Kan., two weeks ago, after their two months' sojourn with relatives.

Isom Haworth has been carpentering on several houses in Los Angeles and vicinity. He expects to move his family here in the fall from Caney, Kan.

J. A. Kennedy, a former hearing teacher of the Illinois School for the Deaf, then of Whittier, Cal., is booked to preach to the mutes at church every alternate Sunday. He is a graceful sign talker.

Miss Gertrude Tressell, a former pupil of Colorado School for the Deaf, lives with her parents at Whittier.

Miss Margaret Perry, an ex-pupil of the Colorado School for the Deaf, has been living in Pasadena over a year. She had not seen any mute in Los Angeles until recently.

Ross Slightam of Spokane, Wash., is on our streets and also on road in Southern California.

Miss Lillian Harris, a deaf colored lady, who formerly attended the Kentucky School, is working for a family as a housekeeper here. She is a bright talker.

William McMillan, of Boise City, Idaho, has been touring Southern California, but has now gone home again. He is a sheep owner.

Arthur G. Brantberg of St. Paul, Minn., and Dorrell Wefing of San Antonio, Texas, former residents of Pittsburg, Penn., are in Los Angeles.

Miss Elaine Heard came here from Colorado some weeks ago. She is with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Prestly as their guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Jacobs and I. Lipsett, all from San Francisco, were visitors last week. They are well spoken.

May 27th, at the Literary meeting, Debate: Resolved, That it is better for a man to be too fat than too lean.

The debators did very well, but the

decision was a tie.

The affirmative side—Messrs. Ellis and C. Armstrong; the negative side—S. Himmelschein and Mills.

Subject of Modern Domestic Science by Mrs. Frank Ellis, a story by Mrs. Wornstaff; dialogue by Messrs. Harris, Cole and Depew, and Mrs. Marsden.

Next June 10th a program will be read—A Story of Cleopatra, by Mr. Fisk.

Debate, Resolved That whiskers are a greater detriment to a man than a bald head. The affirmative side—Mr. and Mrs. Cook; the negative side—Mr. and Mrs. Omar Smith.

Essay by Milton Miller. Lecture on different ways and items and facts, by Mr. McMechen.

The engagement of Abe Himmelschein and Miss Josie Wham was declared last month. They are going to be married on June 7th. Best congratulations.

The Los Angeles Division, No. 27 gave a Donkey party at Brother Frank E. Ellis' home on evening of May 29. A large crowd of mutes enjoyed it well. Admission charged each person, 25 cents and 5c extra for five strips, each stung on the donkey picture.

Mrs. Ward won a pretty prize and Brother Milton Miller did too for his largest contributions for the strips.

Henry Reaves died last month of paralysis after suffering continually for about eight years. He was 66 years old and leaves a widow, two daughters and a son in law. He was a graduate and also a teacher of Fawcett, N. Y., School for the Deaf. He was a fine sign talker, too, before taken ill. Great sympathy for his folks.

Frank Ellis had an accident claim of \$30.00 for six weeks' disability from the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf last week. All mutes on the Western Coast should join the Los Angeles Division No. 27 for his future benefit. Write to J. Orrie Harris, secretary and state organizer, 1112 East 7th Street, Los Angeles, Cal., or F. P. Gibson, Grand secretary and general organizer, 1401 Schiller Building, Chicago, Ill.

The L. A. Division No. 27 initiated Brother Robert Hawrichorst last May 10th, and will do Brothers August Schultz and Thomas L. Marsden on June 15th. It has 18 members at present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dyson moved to a fresh-aired country ranch about 12 miles southwest of the city, and will possibly live there permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole of Redondo Beach are talking of going to Chicago this summer.

Mrs. Llewellyn has been visiting in San Francisco.

Mrs. Cool has been sick a great deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. King contemplate moving to San Francisco some time.

Max E. Cohn and his wife raise many chickens and many Angora and Belgium hares at their home yard. Max is a well-to-do peddler.

J. O. Harris is taking orders for photographs for Amundsen's Central Studio in Los Angeles and vicinity.

William Cole had his right forefinger smashed by a press last April.

TACOMA.

Otha Minnick has for some time past been a frequent visitor to our suburb, Seattle. It is rumored that the cause of these oft repeated trips will soon be located in Tacoma, when we may expect to enjoy more of Otha's society.

Mr. Rowan is now in Vancouver, B. C., the possessor of a job that is altogether desirable excepting that it will prevent his attending the convention in July.

Miss Slegel's mother has a patient suffering with nervous prostration, whom she is taking care of at the Slegel home. Now don't jump to the conclusion that it is Mabel, for the only thing worrying Mabel is that she has to sleep in the attic to make room for the patient. However, she is quite an "attic philosopher," is Mabel.

The Eagles are holding a carnival here this week. Howsomever, such things don't seem to appeal to the deaf or touch their pocketbooks. (Of course not; the deaf are fattening up their pocketbooks for the State Convention, July 1-3.—Ed.)

Mrs. Wade had a boarder recently. His family were under quarantine and so he boarded with the Wades for almost five weeks. It is needless to say that he didn't lose in weight while there. Neither did he lose in the frequent games of 500 that helped while away the evenings.

Miss Slegel spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Seeley. Of course we don't know what the subjects of conversation were, but from chance glimpses we had of them on the front porch it looked like "Convention," "Mother," "New dress," "Roses," "What color?" "So becoming," "How dreadful," "Is that so?" "How funny!" "Now you must never, never tell!"

Mrs. Wade is supremely happy nowadays. She has two of the cutest little kittens you ever saw; that's why Mr. Wade isn't as passionately fond of them as one would like to see, probably because one of them almost bit one of his thumbs off when he tried to stroke its back.

School papers will soon cease to exist for the summer. Still you need the news. Why not send in 50 cents at once for The Observer for six months.

PLAGUE DAYS IN CHEFOO.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

On the whole, however, the people have responded well, considering the long ages of fatalistic superstition and the lack of intelligent information among the masses. In the large inland cities, such as Hwang Haien and Lai Chow-fu, the missionary doctors have been balked in every plan to stop the spread of the disease and have worked at great odds. One doctor who went to the official offering his assistance was told that all had been done that was necessary. Posters had been put up at the city gates telling the people to wear a bone in a bag—the men on the right side, the women on the left. It is not surprising to hear that the death rate in that city has been high.

Some of the foreign trained native doctors have done good work, giving information and selling respirators and disinfectants.

As days went on the death rate in Chefoo went higher until it reached thirty-five or forty reported cases daily. Three medical men were added to the staff, Dr. C. Bennet, who had had experience with the plague in India, a Chinese and a Japanese doctor. A sanitary and ambulance staff was organized from the police corps, detailed for different duties, indicated by other marks beside the red cross. There was little ceremony for the disease worked rapidly and was always fatal—well today, apparently; dead tomorrow. At one time seventy coffins stood on a hillside awaiting interment. One wished cremation was the custom.

The doctors had a set of rules made and printed, both in English and Chinese, which were distributed freely. Some said, "What good will that do among the coolies? They cannot read," but there are many found among that class who can read, and the rules were good. I knew of a gatekeeper in foreign employ who immediately after reading the rules put his bedding out to sun. Windows of sleeping rooms that had not been opened since last summer were propped up so that the blessed sunshine could stream in. Gradually, fear crept into the hearts of the unbelieving and they were willing to take precaution; on the other hand, others grew more confident as we found that it did not jump walls. A whole family would be taken and their next door neighbor be untouched. There had to be personal contact, or the breath inhaled. But in spite of everything it spread, starting in the eastern part of the town it worked its way over to the west, even taking three men living in an isolated hut quite away from every one. Their wives ran away to their home village as soon as the first man died, probably, taking germs with them. It appeared everywhere, every-

where, recognizing no bounds. Dr. Gulowsen and his assistants went everywhere, bearing charmed lives—they simply took wise precautions.

Under these conditions the New Year's festivities were not very gay. The governor having been faulted for not stopping the disease sooner, ordered the people not to congregate in large numbers for theatres or other purposes. Some of the Chinese did not obey and theatricals were held. Mission services were suspended and all who could went into quarantine behind their own gates. The Angelo-Chinese School extended its holiday and the government schools did not assemble. Shipping stopped and business was at a standstill. The foreign business men had time to spin long yarns at the club, write rhymes on the situation for the daily paper, while both native merchants and foreign shippers spent the hours calculating how much their firms were losing. The foreign ladies felt the depression greatly. Those engaged in native work had time to bring up arrears in letter writing, etc.; but those dependent on the slim society of the port, now depleted by the few who had fled, suffered. A mask ball was held at the club, small dinners were given and the time whiled away with bridge, the plague a tabooed subject, but the gaiety was rather forced.

Thus the days dragged on into weeks and the weeks into months during which the port was practically marooned. We could not run away if we would, for no ship would take us. Now after ten weeks the quarantine is only partially lifted. We are hoping for warmer days which "they say" will kill the germs, as they live only a few hours in the bright sunshine.

Probably nothing ever struck a dirty, smelly, Oriental port that will result in a more general cleaning up than the plague in Chefoo. It has struck the pocketbooks of every businessman in the place, even to the government treasury, and they are ready to listen to plans for future betterment. One firm has already sold over forty thousand pounds of lime. That in itself is something.

No city in north China could be made more beautiful and healthful than Chefoo. It has almost every natural advantage; the beautiful curve of the beach has been compared to that of Avalon, off the coast of California. It has a background of rugged hills that give character to the soft beauty of the sea and islands; its climate is almost ideal; sea bathing a delight during three months of the year, and its fruits, both foreign and native varieties, and vegetables the finest in China. It is the "port of call" for all steamers running north from Shanghai; it is easily reached from Kobe, Japan, via Korea; it has

an almost daily service to Dalney, by which letters reach London in fourteen and New York in twenty-one days, and when it is connected, as it will be in time, by rail with both north and south China, it will develop into a mart of importance in spite of its rival, the German port of Tsing Tau. With the advantage of modern improvements and good sanitation it will be a delightful place to live, but it remains to be seen whether the officials or the people have been stirred sufficiently to institute the needed reforms, or will drop back into the old, easy-going ways.

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